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# CLEAR MAJORITY FOR GASPERI

Not To Talk To Each Other For A Month

Plymouth, Apr. 21.—Mrs Winifred Wilkie brought Mrs M. P. Tope into court yesterday and for 80 minutes Judge Scobell Armstrong listened to both talking at once about the troubles a landlady has with a tenant and vice versa.

Finally the judge shouted, "Will you be quiet!" and delivered the verdict:

"For one month, you both will pretend to be deaf and dumb. When you see each other not one word must be spoken. Write everything. No conversation at all."

The landlady, Mrs. Wilkie, and the tenant, Mrs. Tope, left quietly.—United Press.

## ASSAULT ON WEIHSIEN ABANDONED

Nanking, Apr. 22.—It was officially announced last night that the Communists have abandoned their two-week-old unsuccessful attempt to take Weihsien, Shantung railway bastion, and withdrew in force totalling 220,000.

As the Government victory in Shantung is hailed as putting an end to the Communist attempt to smash into North Kingting, after which cross the Yangtze in May, General Ku Chu-tung, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, has set funds aside totalling CNS300 million as rewards to the three regiments of regular troops and ten regiments of militia forces responsible for repulsing the Communists from Weihsien.

Official despatches claim that in the Weihsien Battle, the Communists suffered 20,000 casualties.

Government relief columns are now reported to be within 30 miles of Changsha and 50 miles of Weihsien, and are expected to effect a junction within the next few days when the whole Communist Shantung offensive may be considered conclusively closed.—Reuter-AAP.

## EDITORIAL

### Housing—An Economic Issue

ALTHOUGH it is generally felt that Government all along has side-stepped its major responsibilities in connection with the housing problem, there will be grudging approval and sympathy for its latest efforts to afford prospective tenants of accommodation made available under private housing schemes some measure of protection. Government's offer to the sponsors of approved building schemes is a quid pro quo—for leasing valuable sites well below ruling market prices, the lessors promise to limit profits to a maximum of five percent for 20 years. In nine cases agreement has been expressed to these special conditions and Government says it expects some 2,000 new residences will result from these schemes including detached and semi-detached houses and flats. That figure is calculated to entice a feeling of optimism among the scores who are now confined to hotel rooms or over-crowded flats, but the more important information still to be revealed is the rents which are going to be required for these residences. If tenancy requires a lump payment down and a rental of up to \$300 a month the residences are going to be placed far beyond the capacity of the people who are among the principal sufferers of the accommodation shortage. Even the reasonably well paid European subordinate cannot afford more than \$300 a month for rent, and then he must deny himself and his family in other directions to make both ends meet. For the white collar Chinese worker and those in even less fortunate circumstances there appears to be no building scheme

Wins 303 Seats In Assembly

### History Is Made

Rome, Apr. 21.—The Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi's, Christian Democrats emerged from Italy's first elections, since Mussolini seized power, with a clear majority in both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, figures issued by the Ministry of the Interior showed tonight.

In the Chamber, the Christian Democrats have 303 seats against the Popular Front's 178. Figures for the other parties were: Socialist Unity—29 seats; National Bloc—15; Monarchists—12; Republicans—six; Italian Social Movement (Fascist)—four; minor groups—five.

Twenty-two other seats in the Chamber will be divided among the parties under a national pooling system. These figures bring the total number of seats in the Chamber to 574.

In the Senate, the Christian Democrats hold 130 seats against the 74 held by the Popular Front. The other Senate seats were: Socialist Unity—12; National Bloc—nine; Monarchists—four; Republicans—three; Italian Social Movement—one; minor groups—three.

To these the following seats of Senators nominated to the Senate by right must be added: Popular Front—45; National Bloc—19; Christians—18; Socialists—Unity—12; Republicans—six; Monarchists—four; Independents—four.

The nominated Senators have been chosen because of their services to the resistance movement and its opponents of Fascism.

#### TOTAL VOTING

For the Deputies, the Christian Democrats received 12,751,841 votes, the Popular Front 8,025,990.

The votes for the other main parties in the Chamber were: Socialist Unity—1,800,528; National Bloc—1,001,150; Monarchists—729,987; Republicans—650,413; Italian Social Movement—525,408.

The percentages of the total votes for the Chamber for the principal parties were: Christian Democrats—48.7 percent; Popular Front—30.7; Socialist Unity—seven; National

#### WILL DEFEND LIBERTY

Signor de Gasperi, leader of the triumphant Christian Democrats, told a vast crowd here tonight: "We have only one ambition—to put ourselves at the service of Democracy. We are determined to defend liberty."

"We want to reach an agreement with the other anti-Communist parties on foreign policy and other matters contributing to the real recovery of Italy," he added.

"We are determined to defend liberty in every way possible."

"We Catholics want to preserve the independence of the Church. It is our duty to safeguard the respect due to the Holy See."

Picked Carabinieri in navy blue uniforms and high jackboots held back the pressing crowds, eager to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister as he drove from the Ministry of the Interior to the Christian Democrat Party headquarters to tell the people in his first post-election statement of his striking victory over the Popular Front.

Citizens of all classes were among the great crowd who listened to the speech—street sweepers and prosperous business men, newsboys andshawled old women in wrinkled stockings and shuffling slippers, and many priests—black-robed priests, white-cowled monks and bearded friars in rough homespun cloth, wearing sandals.

#### ROARS OF CHEERS

Film cameramen stood on the tops of cars filming the crowds. Before Signor de Gasperi started speaking, loudspeakers gave the waiting Romans minute-by-minute reports on the last election results.

Regular police, in green blue battle dress, with revolvers in their holsters, guarded the entrance to the headquarters before the speech started, scrutinising the credentials of all who entered the building.

Roars of cheers rose again and again from the crowds as the Premier stepped on to the balcony, accompanied by the Minister of the Interior, Signor Scelba, after being handed the final results from Rome showing that his party had more than doubled its votes in the city since the last elections.

"Today we can sincerely celebrate this victory—which is also a victory for the people's dignity," the Premier said.

"All the forces of order, the whole of the Administration, have placed themselves in the service of the liberty of all, of the liberty of the Italian people."

"This is the road along which we must always march—freedom for the association" (Continued on Page 8)

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1948.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate easterly winds, cloudy; showery. Noon observations: barometric pressure 1012.4 mbs, 29.90 inches; temperature 73.1 deg. F; dew point 71 deg. F; relative humidity 98%; wind direction East; wind force 11 knots.

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## BATTLE FOR HAIFA BEGINS

### Security Forces Withdrawn

Haifa, Apr. 21.—A battle began today for control of the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Haifa, Palestine's principal port after the British withdrew their security forces from much of the city.

Gunfire crackled along the slopes of Mount Carmel. The firing was between the all Jewish Hadar-Carmel, halfway up the Mount and the mixed Jewish-Arab areas.—Associated Press.

#### CANNON FIRE

Haifa, Apr. 21.—British troops opened up with cannon fire late today against Jewish snipers who directed fire at the only road in Haifa which the British authorities plan to hold until their troops are evacuated.

Sharp, brief gun battles between the Jews and British followed the announcement today that the British would clear out of most of the city.

At the same time, several Arab sources conceded the temporary loss of the predominantly Jewish port city, but claimed the Arabs would retake it when organised Arab armies were in action in Palestine.—United Press.

#### TO PROTECT STORES

Jerusalem, Apr. 21.—The Government today announced that some British troops would remain after the mandate ended on May 15, to protect stores.

The announcement came amid persistent rumours that the Government was printing documents headed "Proclamation of British Army Occupation."—United Press.

#### ARAB ALLEGATION

Damascus, Syria, Apr. 21.—The Arab Army headquarters here declared in a communiqué tonight that it had been definitely established that Russian forces were fighting besides Haganah in Palestine.—Reuter.

#### RED CROSS CAMPS

Jerusalem, Apr. 21.—The Committee of the International Red Cross in Palestine announced here today that both Arabs and Jews have given a formal written assurance affirming their willingness to apply and respect the Geneva Convention of 1928 in any Palestine hostilities.

The conference was suddenly interrupted by an announcement by Mr. Richard Stubbs, the Palestine Government chief information officer: "I have just received a telephone warning that the building we are now sitting in (the six-story Public Information Office) is going to be blown up."

The warning was ignored and the conference continued.

#### BATTLE HAVENS

M. Jacques de Ronier, the Red Cross delegate in Palestine, defused attacks against vehicles bearing the Red Cross, the Arab Red Crescent and the Jewish Red Shield.

He strongly condemned as "repugnant to the true soldier" the small poll that is fairer than a large one that is faked."

This exchange followed a question by Mr. Platts Mills asking how many persons were entitled to register as voters in the recent Singapore elections, how many actually registered, how many voted, and whether the outcome adequately reflected public opinion in the Malayan Union.—Reuter.

#### Soviets Confiscate

Berlin, Apr. 21.—The Soviet authorities today confiscated the equipment of construction companies having head offices in the Western sectors of the city.

The Bank said the revolving fund has US\$104,000,000 in gold and silver and US\$378,000 in US money which was turned over to the occupation authorities.

The Bank's board of directors met today and cleared away the last few details.—Associated Press.

#### TROOPS OR CONSTABLES?

Lake Success, Apr. 21.—It was still too early to define precisely what "police forces" would be required for Palestine and what the exact nature of the American contribution to them would be, a United States delegation spokesman said here today.

During the conference, British Sappers searched the building but found no explosives.—Reuter.

#### CONFERENCE WITH T.V. SOONG

Canton, Apr. 22.—General Kwei Yung-ting, who is in command of China's Navy, is expected to visit Canton in the immediate future for a conference with Dr. T. V. Soong, and then proceed to Hainan Island on an inspection tour, according to press reports.

Reliable quarters believe that General Kwei's visit is in connection with the possible establishment of a naval base in the south.

General Kwei was head of the Chinese Military Mission to England during the late war, and was China's military representative in Berlin after Germany's surrender.—Reuter.

#### OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

London, Apr. 22.—The British Government has recognised King Saif Al Islam Ahmed as the lawful head of the Yemen Government, a Foreign Office spokesman announced today.—Reuter.

### Colony's "Humiliating" Airport Position

London, Apr. 21.—An assertion that aircraft could not land at Hongkong, which was "rather humiliating," was made in the House of Commons today by Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, a Conservative Member.

Another Conservative Member, Mr. William Teeling, said international aircraft were bypassing Hongkong because they could not land there and a Labour Member, Mr. John Paton, said the airfield at Honakong was always difficult and that on many days of the year it was "positively dangerous" to aircraft.

These remarks followed a statement by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, hoped to make a statement about a new airfield for Hongkong soon. He said he would put the points raised by the Member to Mr. Creech Jones.

When Mr. Teeling protested that an answer to the matter was "under active consideration" had been given for many months, Mr. Mayhew replied: "Yes, but there will be a statement

in the near future."—Reuter.

### Big Loan For Cotton Shipments To Japan

#### ASSISTING TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Washington, Apr. 21.—The government owned Export-Import Bank said it will join three private banks in making a US\$60,000,000 loan to finance shipment of American cotton to Japan.

The Export-Import Bank will provide US\$20,000,000 of the credit. The remaining US\$31,000,000 will be furnished by the Chase National, National City Bank of New York and the Bank of America at San Francisco. All three have branches in Japan.

Japanese mills are to make textiles from the cotton. Forty per cent of the cotton cloth produced will be consumed in Japan and the rest sold in Japan's prewar export markets, the Bank said.

"The credit, no doubt, will constitute an important step forward in restoring Japan to a self-sustaining basis," the Bank's statement said.

Earlier, the Bank gave a similar but smaller cotton credit to US occupied Germany.

#### SINGAPORE ELECTION BOYCOTT

#### COMMONS QUESTIONS

London, Apr. 21.—Mr. John Platts Mills, an extreme Left-wing Labour Party Member, suggested in the House of Commons today that as only six percent of the people entitled to vote in the recent Singapore elections voted, this amounted to a complete rejection of the constitution by the Malayan people.

Would the Minister not have a shot at making a constitution which the Malayan people would like better, he asked.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "It certainly was a small poll, due, I think, to the fact that popular elections are a new experience there. On the other hand, a small poll that is fair is better than a large one that is faked."

This exchange followed a question by Mr. Platts Mills asking how many persons were entitled to register as voters in the recent Singapore elections, how many actually registered, and whether the Minister was satisfied that the outcome adequately reflected public opinion in the Malayan Union.—Reuter.

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Canton, Apr. 22.—The first shipment of relief supplies, which China purchased with US\$50 million advanced from the US\$460 million China Aid, is scheduled to arrive here on Saturday aboard the liner Dr. Lykes, it is learned this morning.

The supplies consist of nearly 7,000 tons of rice and just over 2,000 tons of cotton, sulphur and fertiliser.

According to Dr. Chang Kla-nau, Governor of the Central Bank, more than US\$300 million out of Aid funds approved by Congress will be spent on the Chinese people in the form of commodities, a list of which is now being prepared by the Government. The Government is expected to sign a letter of intent before Aid commodities flow into China in a formal manner.

The cargo arriving on Saturday was purchased after the United States realised the urgency to increase food supplies in China.—Reuter.

### Bomber Planes

#### For China

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—Four Canadian Mosquito-type bomber planes, sold to China under special credit arrangements, are being unloaded today from the steamer Island Side, which arrived here over the week-end.

The aircraft represent the third shipment of the same type of bomber delivered here.

The ship also transported to Shanghai a general military cargo of 3,000 tons.

On a makeshift assembly line at the Chinese Air Force's airfield in Tzhang, northern suburb of Shanghai, Canadian supervisors from the De Havilland Aircraft Works of Toronto, will help Chinese personnel to re-assemble the twin-engined Mosquitos.—Reuter.

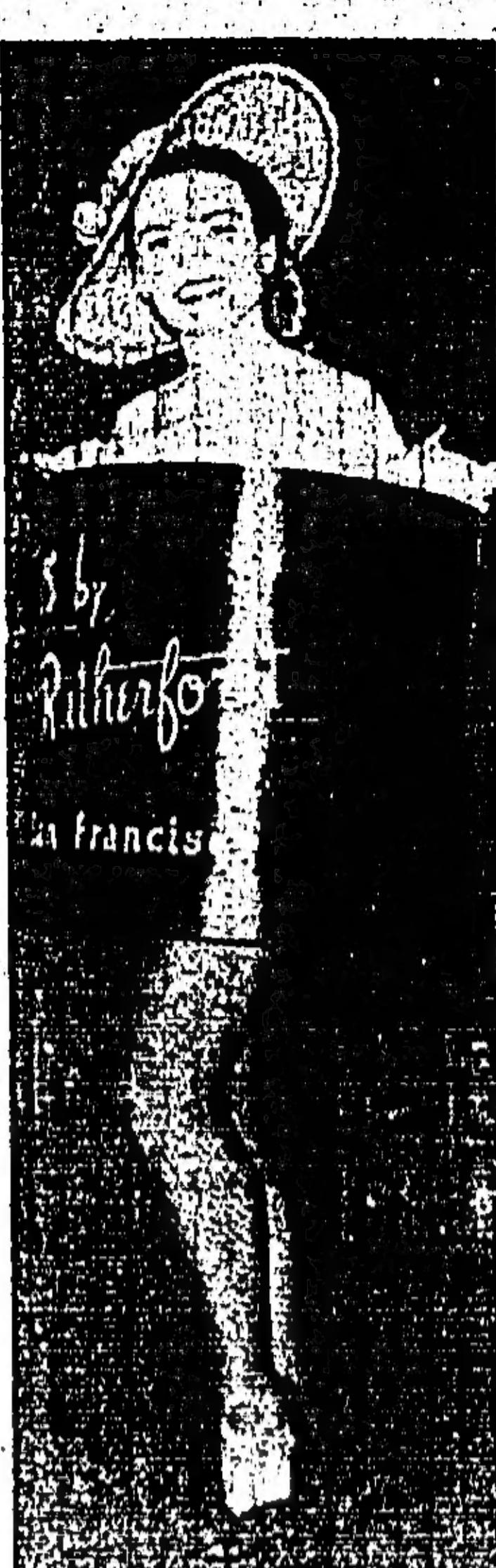
### China Due To Receive Relief Supplies This Week



## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



PACT SIGNING—Prime Minister Joseph Stalin of Russia stands behind V. M. Molotov as the Soviet Foreign Minister signs the 10-year Russian-Finnish mutual aid pact in the Kremlin. Rear, left to right, are: V. A. Zorin and A. Y. Vyshinsky, Russian Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Premier Mauno Pekkala of Finland, and Stalin.



PRINCIPALS IN MARRIAGE ANNULMENT—Frederick W. Ebersole (left), a San Francisco executive, obtained an annulment of his Shinto marriage to Miss Elizabeth Church (extreme left) of Seattle, in a San Francisco court when he testified that what he thought was a "going away ceremony" in Tokyo, where he was a Navy commander, was in truth a Shinto marriage ceremony. Ebersole has a wife and three children.

BOXED—The hat came second with the spectators when Diane Trunell modelled a straw number while wearing an oversized hat box at an Oakland, California, fashion show.



SIDEWALK POLITICIANS—Against the background of the famed Milan Cathedral, sidewalk politicians are snapped arguing in the Piazza Del Duomo, in the heart of Italy's troubled north, which figured strongly in the recent national elections.



SOME BUMP—The right rear wheel of this 20-ton truck, loaded with steel, broke through the pavement on a Philadelphia street, smashed water and gas mains below the street, and came to rest on an electric cable. The driver leaped to safety but traffic had to be detoured for four hours.



JACKIE COOGAN AND DAUGHTER—Jackie Coogan and Mrs Coogan, the former Ann McCormack, proudly hold their daughter, Joan Dolliver, as she has her picture taken for the first time. Looking on from a wall portrait is "The Kid" of nearly 30 years ago.



A PLACE IN THE SUN—Fighting has no respect for age—or youth. These Jewish refugees, forced to flee from the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border area to the safety of Tel Aviv itself, find pleasure in just sitting in the warm sun.

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## Breach Of Contract

### Successful Claim For \$9,600

A claim for \$9,600 for breach of contract was brought by the International Import and Export Company, of 204 National Bank Building, against Sherman and Company, of 210 St Francis Hotel, before Mr Justice Williams at the Supreme Court this morning.

The claim was in respect of a contract signed between the parties on June 25, 1947, for the sale and delivery by defendants to the plaintiffs of 100 dozen pairs of Nylon stockings at the price of US\$17.75 per dozen pairs. Delivery was to be made in three weeks or by first available air freight. Upon signing the contract, plaintiffs paid to defendants a deposit of US\$440.

According to the statement of claim, defendants failed to deliver the stockings and did not return the deposit, although demands had been made.

Plaintiffs claimed that the loss of profit suffered on the 100 dozen pairs of stockings amounted to HK\$8,000. They claimed for that sum and for costs of the action.

### UNCONTENTED

The action was not contested by defendants, who did not enter an appearance.

An application by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond, who appeared for the plaintiffs, to amend the claim by the inclusion of an order for return of the deposit or its equivalent in Hongkong dollars was refused by the Court.

Mr Bernacchi said that in assessing the amount of damages the plaintiffs had calculated that the official rate of exchange prevailing at the time was HK\$2.00 to US\$1 and reckoned by the plaintiffs, for convenience, at HK\$6 per pair. The selling price was fixed at the controlled price of \$14 per pair for gauge 51 and over. The stockings contracted for were of gauge 54.

Following evidence by Mr A. O. Madar, manager of the plaintiff firm, regarding the contract and deposit receipt, which were produced in Court, his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs for the amount claimed and costs of the action.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

One casualty of yesterday's thunder storm has been reported to the police.

Cheung Chor, a member of the KCR working gang, was struck by lightning about 1.45 a.m. while working near a bridge at Tai Po.

He was knocked unconscious and was taken immediately to the Tai Po Dispensary for emergency treatment. Later he was sent to Kowloon Hospital where he was found to be suffering injuries to his face, arms and legs.

His condition today is reported to be not serious.

## PRISON FOR EX-PC

Ho Nai-lim, 26, ex-police constable, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fined \$300 or three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to being absent from duty without permission in March, 1947, and failing to return to re-enrolment.

He was also ordered to be banished.

Inspector Moran said defendant was required as a witness in a case heard in Court last year, but he absconded. He was later arrested. The value of the accoutrement was approximately \$300.

Inspector Moran added that he was instructed to say that defendant, who joined the Force in December, 1945, was a most undesirable character. He asked for a gaol sentence and banishment.

## ASSAULTED POLICEMAN

For resisting and assaulting the police yesterday Wai Chi-pang, 37, unemployed, with a previous conviction for hawking without a licence, was sentenced to three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Two charges against Wai for obstruction and hawking without a licence were withdrawn.

PC Leung Ka said that he arrested defendant about 2 p.m. yesterday in Theatre Lane for hawking newspapers without a licence. When he proceeded to take him to the Station defendant resisted and in doing so tore his jacket sleeve.

Defendant further assaulted witness and bit him on the chest, which necessitated medical attention. Witness said he was again assaulted by defendant in Des Voeux Road Central.

Insp. Moran prosecuted.

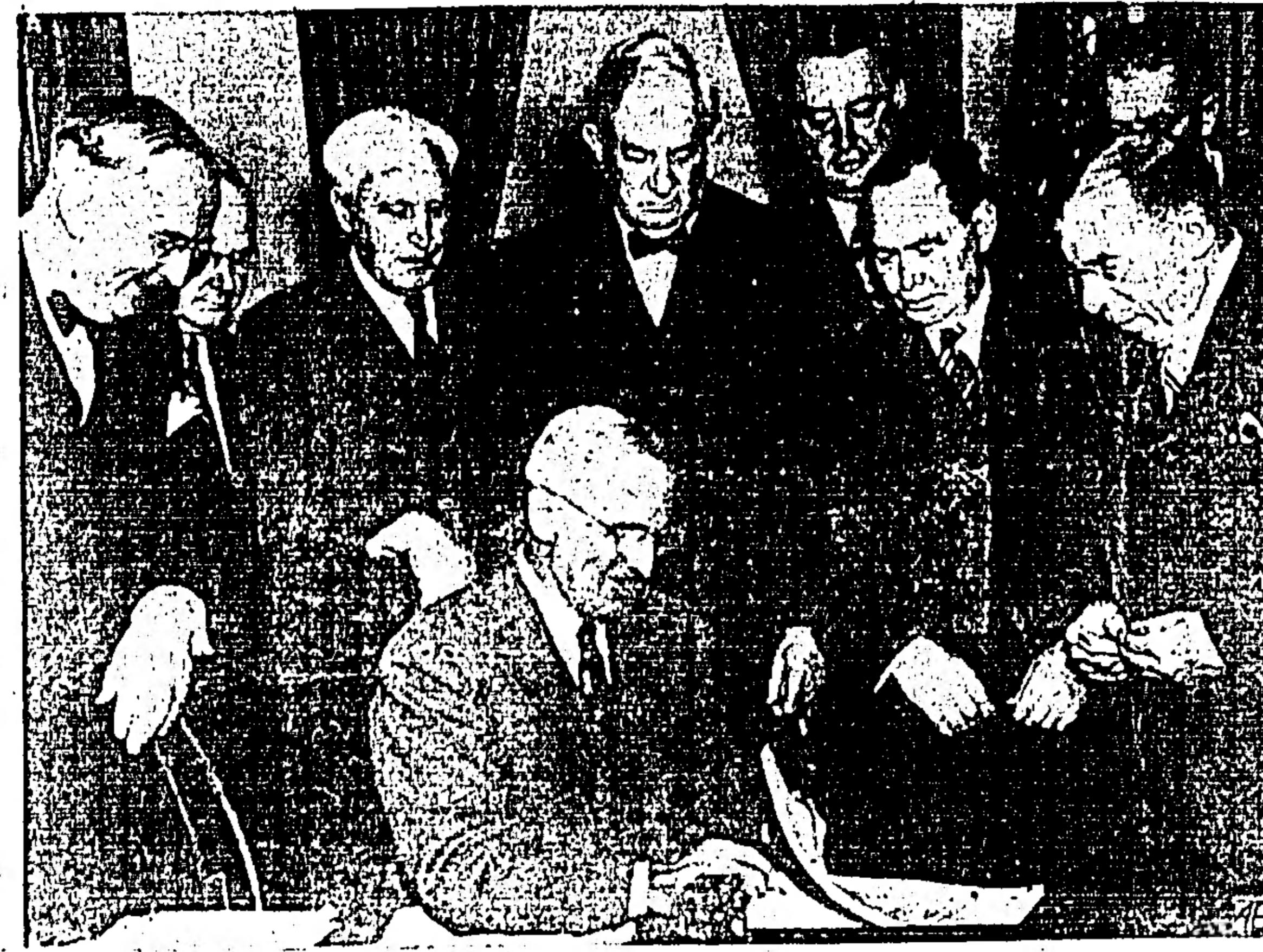
## Kept Opium Divan

Pleading guilty to keeping an opium divan at 38, Wing Kuk Street on April 21, Wong Iu, 40, married woman was fined \$500 or three months by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Four men charged with smoking opium on the premises were absent and their bail of \$500 estreated.

Insp. H. Moran prosecuted.

## PAULA by DENNIS WHEATLEY



## WIFE TREATED AS HOSTILE WITNESS

### New Turn In Attempted Murder Charge

A wife's apparent reluctance to testify against her husband on an attempted murder charge led to her being treated as a hostile witness at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The woman was Chung Tsui-ye and it was the case for the Crown that she was the victim of a murderous assault by her husband. Wong Hung, 20, a Sanitary Department coolie, at No. 7 Cemetery, Customs Pass Road, on the evening of January 22.

Wong is charged with attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm to Chung. The case is being heard by Mr Justice Gould and a jury which included three women.

Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, said that accused was employed as a coffin carrier at No. 7 Cemetery and lived with his wife and mother at No. 1 Tung Fong Street, first floor. On January 22, accused returned from work and drank half a bottle of wine, the occasion being the birthday of a child. After the meal, accused and his wife went out together. They took a bus to Kai Tak and then walked up Customs Pass Road. When they came to No. 7 Cemetery they climbed up the hill, she took off her coat and her husband then asked her about three gold finger rings. She replied that she had lost them and her husband then slapped her once. She ran into an air raid tunnel, followed by her husband who gave her a push. She fell down, fainted and remembered nothing more.

Mr Reynolds then applied to treat the wife as a hostile witness, but the application was refused. His Lordship holding that it was too early to decide. However, the request was granted after the wife had stated that she did not know how she came to be in hospital or how she got the wounds in the head, adding that they might have been caused by her falling down.

Further questioned, the wife denied having said at the Magistrate that accused struck her on the head with an instrument or any knowledge of having made a statement to Inspector Matches while in hospital. She added that her husband frequently drank wine and that after drinking he became "mad" and sometimes beat himself.

Asked by the Court if he had any questions to put to his wife, accused replied in the negative.

Sui Sim, mother of accused, said that when his son returned about 9 p.m. she asked him where his wife was and he replied that he did not know. They then went out to look for her and when they failed she dragged him to the Police Station and made a report.

The case is proceeding.

**LYING UNCONSCIOUS**

Some time after 8 a.m. the next day, the wife was discovered lying unconscious in the tunnel. About two feet from her were a pool of blood and the head of a pick-axe, the broad end of which was stained with blood.

The Police were informed and the woman was taken to Kowloon Hospital. On the way down the hill, they met accused, who began to cry and said that the woman was his wife and that she had been missing since the previous night.

Dr Pang Teng-cheung, of Kowloon Hospital, said the woman was admitted to hospital in a serious condition, suffering from head injuries, shock and haemorrhage. There were two wounds on the right side of the head, one of which exposed the bone. The wounds were consistent with having been caused by the broad end of a pick-axe.

Similar evidence was given by Dr S. H. Moore, also of Kowloon Hospital, who added there were also multiple fractures on the right shoulder and arm and that he thought at one time the woman would die. The woman was un-

conscious for some days but was finally discharged on March 27.

## WEDDING IN KOWLOON

### Miss Da Silva And Mr Rodrigues

The Rosary Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding this morning, when Miss Estela Maria Lourdes da Silva, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mariano A. da Silva, became the bride of Mr Carlos Henrique Rodrigues, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. The Rev. Fr A. de Angelis officiated.

The ceremony was followed by Nuptial Mass.

The bride is on the staff of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd, Head Office. She was given away in marriage by her father, and wore a charming gown of white satin, featuring a yoke of fine silk net, trimmed with little rosettes, and a graceful basque falling into a long train. Her bouquet was composed of white gardenias.

The bridegroom's sisters, the Misses Carmen and Alice Rodrigues, were the bridesmaids, and wore dainty frocks of pink organdy with printed white floral design. They carried bouquets of Chinese asters. Little Frances Chan, as flower girl, was attired in white and carried a posy of roses.

Capt. J. S. Rodrigues, MBE, and Mr Antonio E. B. de Souza undertook the duties of best men.

The reception, which was held at No. 8 Ashley Road, was attended by a large number of friends. When the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Cheung Chow, Mrs Rodrigues wore a pink going-away dress with white hat and accessories.

## Strong Earth Tremors

Cludad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Apr. 21.—Several strong earth tremors shook almost the entire Island of Hispaniola today.

First reports indicated there were no casualties or serious property damage in the Dominican Republic. Sharp shocks were felt in Haiti, on the western end of Hispaniola. There was some panic in Port Au Prince, the capital, but no casualties or damage.

The earthquake frightened the people of Cludad Trujillo, where large crowds prayed in the public square. In Santiago, the Dominican Republic's second largest city, all business establishments closed and the centre of the city was evacuated. Associated Press.

## STUDENT CAR DRIVER FINED

Jimmy K. Ng, 19, student, of No. 3 Dragon Terrace, first floor, was fined \$200 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for failing to stop after an accident, failing to show an "L" plate on his car and failing to sign his learner's licence.

Sub-Inst. Si Wan-ming, said at 8 a.m. on April 21, defendant who was a learner driver collided with a Chinese in Connought Road West near the China Maritime Steamship Navigation Company, and instead of stopping the car, went straight on to the Police Station.

The injured person was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, when a pedestrian telephoned for an ambulance. He was suffering from fractured thigh and would be detained in Hospital for at least six months.

Yip Tai-ling, of 209 Jaffe Road, said he was with defendant who was driving car No. 7272 in Connought Road West in a westerly direction. When near the Yuen On wharf a Chinese suddenly ran across the road. He warned the defendant to sound the horn and at the same time, he applied the hand-brake. But the car could not be stopped and collided with the man. Defendant continued on and went to Central Police Station to make a report.

## De Gasperi's Majority

(Continued from Page 1)

tions; freedom for trade union organisations.

"Laws must be based on the principle of freedom and order, on the defence of this freedom and order in a civilised community which represents a form of democracy.

### WORK FOR ALL

"This is our programme. In this programme there is work for every individual and for all the forces which are contributing sincerely towards the same end—for a co-operation sincerely practised in freedom, to refrain from the dictatorship by one group and any tendency towards violence, to submit to the common laws of democracy, and to support a foreign policy which leads to economic co-operation with peoples which are stronger than we are, and leads to the solidarity of all free and democratic peoples.

"This programme will be solved with energy and vigilance so that nobody may misuse that freedom to interfere against the Fatherland.

"This programme will be carried out in the great Italian traditions which are the traditions of honour, discipline and morality."

Signor De Gasperi said the people were expecting a campaign against unemployment and a programme of agrarian reform. "All this will be carried out but with one absolutely necessary condition—the maintenance of liberty, respect for liberty, humility and a spirit of independence," he said.

"The Italian people must be free to decide their own destiny.

"Our democracy must carry out a policy encouraged by economic collaboration with peoples stronger than ourselves and by solidarity with all free and democratic people of the world."—Reuters.

## Anti-Communism Resolution

Bogota, Apr. 21.—The United States, Chile, Brazil and Peru proposed today that the Inter-American Conference condemn International Communism as "an instrument of aggression used for imperialistic purposes."

The resolution would leave to the 21 American Republics the task of dealing with Communism each in its own way. The plan would thus avoid proposals advanced by some of the delegations for a hemispheric wide outlawing of Communism.

At the same time the conference ordered an investigation into whether Nicaraguan troops have invaded Costa Rican territory to intervene in the revolution in that country where Communist-led militia are reported threatening to upset peace efforts.

Meanwhile, Red Cross officials reported that 1,500 persons died throughout Colombia in the uprising that flared on Apr. 9, interrupting the work of the Conference. The Red Cross estimated 2,500 were injured though the exact number probably will never be known. Of the dead, the Red Cross said 1,200 were in Bogota and 300 elsewhere in the country.—Associated Press.

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# TELEGRAPH'S Page Of SPORTS NEWS

## GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY

## Pulling Takes Close Decision Over Biggs

Some good boxing was seen at the China Fleet Club last night as the Golden Gloves programme attracted a record house for the series. The general standard was not high but three good fights were seen.

Bob Pulling won his second straight decision over Red Biggs and was deserving of the judges' nod. Some hard fighting was seen as well as patches of good-boxing but the bout lost much in spectator appeal through an orgy of the bout lost much in spectator appeal through an orgy of holding, Pulling being mainly responsible.

Finest boxing of the evening was contributed by a loser, a last-minute filler on the programme, ERA Hughes of HMS Cossack, who stood up to a punishing attack from SPO Scollings, HMS London's tough welterweight, and gave back enough through clever boxing despite a shorter reach.

The promoters must have encountered some difficulty in presenting a full card and the matching in two bouts was definitely very much off. The announced weights puzzled the gallery on at least three occasions.

It is a debatable point that the gallery got its money's worth. It did in three of the fights but the admission charge was on the steep side. In all fairness to the promoters it must be admitted that the China Fleet Club Theatre, is no Madison Square Garden for realty capacity and one can hardly insist on their working at a loss.

## PULLING v. BIGGS

In the main bout of the evening, the last on the card, Bob Pulling, the British Pacific Fleet's weight champion, was announced on a par with Red Biggs, the South African, when they entered the ring.

Weight for either was given at 11 stone. Pulling certainly didn't look it though he could not have conceded very much to his opponent. Biggs is the heavier built of the two and appearances can be deceptive up to a point. He was certainly stockier and packed a heavier punch.

An aggressive fighter, he would have run rings around a less tricky opponent on sheer speed alone. He had Pulling on the defensive all through but his guard wasn't faultless and the Fleet Champion found his way through it with telling effect.

A less solid weight than Biggs would have turned groggy from Pulling's hooks to either side of the head. Biggs didn't seem to feel them very much at first but his hurricane offensive combined with well-timed punishment from Pulling told on him in the last two rounds. Pulling was the fresher of the two when they stepped out of the ring.

Whatever Pulling's good points, one of the best of which is a top-notch ring-boss on himself in a down-judged bout on himself in a continued series of clinches and was twice warned by the referee to stop locking.

## WISE ENOUGH

It should be conceded in mitigation that opening up to a sledging-hammer attack would not have reflected on his wisdom and Biggs in an aggressive mood was hard to stop in any other way.

The South African relied throughout on sheer speed and his attack carried enough weight in the first round to knock Pulling through the ropes.

Pulling was not much slower on his feet but the follow-up from Biggs was unrelenting in its pace and allowed little chance for a comeback.

The first round was definitely Biggs's. In the second, Pulling was getting a little more clever on his feet and sent in a telling clip to the side of the jaw in one of Red's unguarded moments that slowed up the round and suggested that it was Pulling's.

The third round was about even. Biggs had slowed up. The exchanges were still punishing and were about evenly shared. In the fourth Pulling was doing out less of the punishment but quality made up for quantity and his clips were telling.

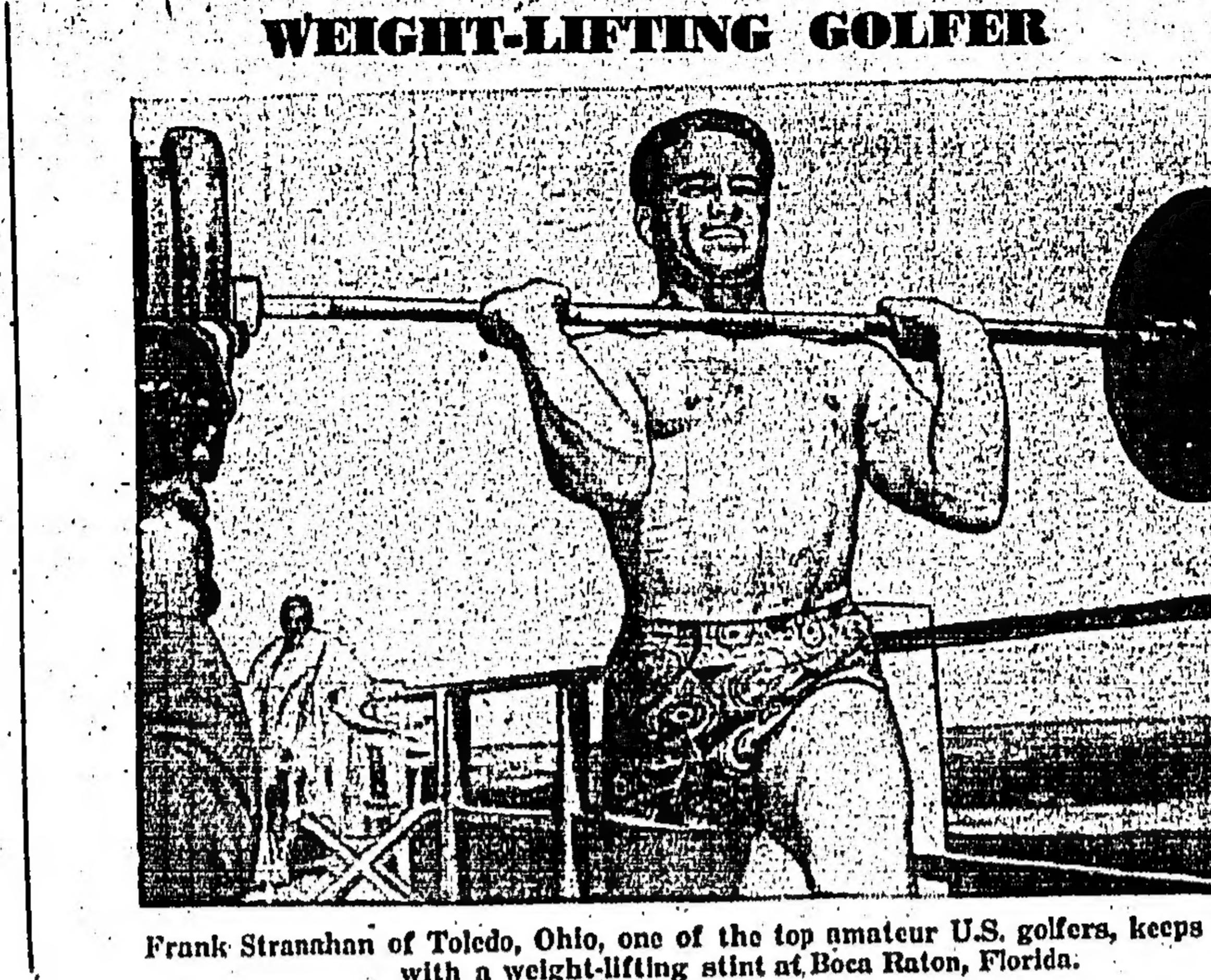
Biggs came out of his corner at a hurricane pace in the fifth round, which much resembled the first, and the hot exchanges told on both. Red was already panting from over-exertion. He kept Pulling running round the ring, yet never fast enough to escape a rocker to the body. Pulling had his clever moments in the breakaways and the round was about even.

The sixth round was Pulling's. He was the better boxer throughout the two minutes but Biggs held the edge in meting out more of the punishment.

It is a debatable point what would have happened in another round or two. Pulling appeared to be in top condition and could have stood more punishment. Biggs could hardly have kept up his pace, though one could have said as much, and quite erroneously, after the fourth round.

## SCOLLINGS v. HUGHES

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Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, one of the top amateur U.S. golfers, keeps in trim with a weight-lifting session at Boca Raton, Florida.

There will be much else to see in Britain this year beside the Olympics, in a

## "VINTAGE" YEAR FOR SPORT

Although the Olympic Games take pride of place in Britain's sporting calendar for 1948, there are many other attractions of international standard.

There are, for instance, the Test Matches against Australia, the Curtis Cup Match against women golfers from America, the World's Archery Championships in London, and the tour in Britain of bowls teams from America and South Africa—all in addition to such great annual events as the Derby, Wimbledon, the soccer Cup Final, Royal Ascot, Henley Royal Regatta and many others.

## RESULTS

## Mosquito-Weight

Ed. Morales beat Chan Chun-kun.  
Feather-weight  
L. A. beat Löry Noroña.  
A. B. Leonard (HMS Constance) beat Gunner O'Shea (R.A.).

## Light-weight

Wally Tang Chee-hon knocked out Stoker Doyle (HMS Avrora).  
A. B. McLaughlin (HMS London) beat Gunner Williams.

## Eddie Eer (Police) was disquali-

fied in his fight with Seaman Brian Hall (HMS Tamar), who was awarded the verdict in the third round.

## Welter-weight

S. P. O. Scollings (HMS London) beat E. R. A. Hughes (HMS Cossack).

## Middleweight

Charlie Thompson beat Musician Bill (HMS London) T.K.O.  
Main Event  
Landing Writer Pulling beat Red Biggs.

(All decisions on points unless otherwise shown).

The first round was easily Scollings's—the he-shook-his-opponent with a series of heavy hooks and jabs. Hughes began giving back more in the second round which was about even.

Scollings was sheer speed and battering-ram in the third round and another would have shaken Hughes bodily. He outlasted it without clinching and outboxed his opponent when it was a matter of sheer art.

The British League of Racing Cyclists believe that there will be a bigger "boom" in cycle-racing in the next five years than in any other British sport. Main event of the cycle-racing year is the six-day Brighton to Glasgow road race which has been fixed for August 23 this year. French and Swiss cyclists will take part in the race. Another important cycling event is the Dover to London race on Easter Monday.

The outlook for boxing in Britain during the year is particularly bright. Attendances at big fights have never been greater and purses have never been so fat. Some big events, details of which will be announced later, are "in the wind" for 1948.

More tennis stars from overseas may be expected to enter for tournaments in Britain this year, now the "eight weeks" rule" legalising the

payments of expenses to tennis players has been approved. Heretofore, overseas tennis players have paid their own expenses except when competing at Wimbledon—the greatest tennis event in the world—which comes under International rules.

The British Empire Trophy and Manx Cup Races will be held on May 25, the Ulster Tourist Trophy on August 7, the International Tourist Trophy Race on August 21 and the Donnington Grand Prix on October 3.

Already, many enquiries have been received from prospective competitors for the premier motorcycle racing events of the year over the fastest motorcycle racing course in the world. The Clady circuit measures 16½ miles per lap with seven acute bends and many deep curves. While the Ulster Grand Prix British drivers averaged speeds in excess of 90 m.p.h. for 247½ miles over the circuit last year, it is expected that even higher speeds will be achieved.

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Amongst those fighting is Fusilli Hull, Middleweight Champion of Hongkong in 1937 and L/Cpl. Burns, runner-up Featherweight in the FARTEL Individual championships which were fought off at Singapore last month.

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It is the boast of the Innskillings that they will win most of the weight in the Inter-Services

Tournament. Brigadier H. A. Skone, DSO, Commander of the Gurkha Brigade, will present the prizes and shield to the winning company.

As always civilians, as well as services personnel are cordially invited.

Seats—\$3, \$2, \$1.50.

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## "GRUDGE" FIGHT

A pleasing pre-interval innovation was a three one-minute rounds midge contest. Battling Red Lat (62 pounds) conceded the weight and yielded to Young Jo Chan of H.M.S. Tamar (62 pounds) in what was described as a "grudge" fight. Both "men" received a terrible ovation from the crowd. The winner received a handsome silver cup presented by F. L. Lam.

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A record number of entries is expected for Croquet Competitions this summer. The Croquet Championships take place at Ilkeston on July 5 and the President's Cup competition, in which the eight best players of the year take part, in September. Players from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will take part in the season's many speedway competitions.

## CURTIS CUP

High-light of the ladies' golf year will be the first post-war Curtis Cup match between Britain and America at Southport on May 21-22. British women golfers also meet France at Richmond on October 8.

Many professional golf tournaments will be held from the middle of April until early in October in many parts of the country. The Open Championship will take place at Muirfield from June 28 to July 3.

The Irish Close Amateur Championship opens at Portrush on June 21 and the Open Amateur Championship at Royal Co. Down, Newcastle, Sept. 6.

Bowling is a game which grows in popularity each year—and not only among veterans—is rapidly sup-

posed. There are a million bowls enthusiasts in the British Isles today. Teams from America and South Africa will tour Britain this summer and play a series of Test Matches. The annual international series will be played at Ward Park, Bangor, from July 7 to 9.

The Henley Royal Regatta takes place from June 30 to July 3. The rules of the Grand Challenge and Steward's Cups have been amended to permit the Olympic Trial Eights and Fours to compete.

## MOTORING EVENTS

Big motoring events have been provisionally fixed for the year. Racing cars do not use ordinary motor petrol and therefore are not affected by present-day petrol restrictions.

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## SWIMMING

Swimming prospects for the year are good. A sum of £6,000 has been raised for training British swimmers for the Olympic Games.

More overseas countries than ever will participate in the Olympic swimming, diving and water polo events at the Wembley Empire Swimming Pool. The All-England Amateur Swimming Championships will be held at Scarborough from July 7 to 10.

Eleven countries are expected to take part in the World's Archery Championships in London in the summer. Archery has become more popular in Britain since the war. Many clubs founded by King Charles II still exist in the country today.

The present King is an archery enthusiast. His arrows carry the Royal racing colours in their flight feathers.

## INNISKS' SHOW TONIGHT

The 1st Bn. Royal Innskillings Fusiliers are holding their Open Inter-Company and Individual

Boxing Championships tonight, at 8 p.m. at the China Fleet Club.

The preliminaries, which were

fought yesterday afternoon, proved to be of very high standard with

some hard Irish fighting ensuring an exciting bill this evening.

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## FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



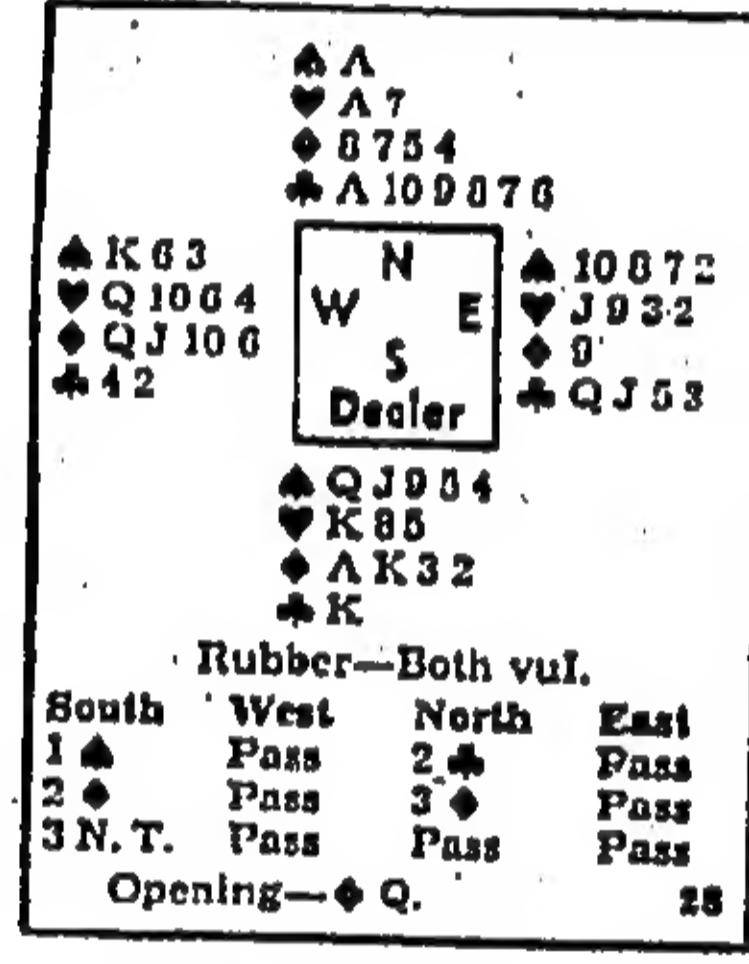
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"I'd like to go fight Indians, find gold and discover unknown lands like you did, grandpa—but I have to phone mother if I'm going to be home ten minutes late from school!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Timing: Ace, King On The Same Trick

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY



TODAY'S hand is taken from the new book entitled "Sure Tricks" by Ivar Andersson of Stockholm, Sweden, and published by George S. Coffin of Elizwilliam, N. H. This book includes a number of Coffin's problem hands, which I am sure any bridge player will find unusually interesting.

The problem in today's hand is not too difficult but it is one in which the average player might easily make a mistake.

When East plays the nine on his partner's opening lead of the diamond queen, South wins the trick with the king. He is sure of two diamonds, two hearts, a spade and two clubs, but that is only seven tricks.

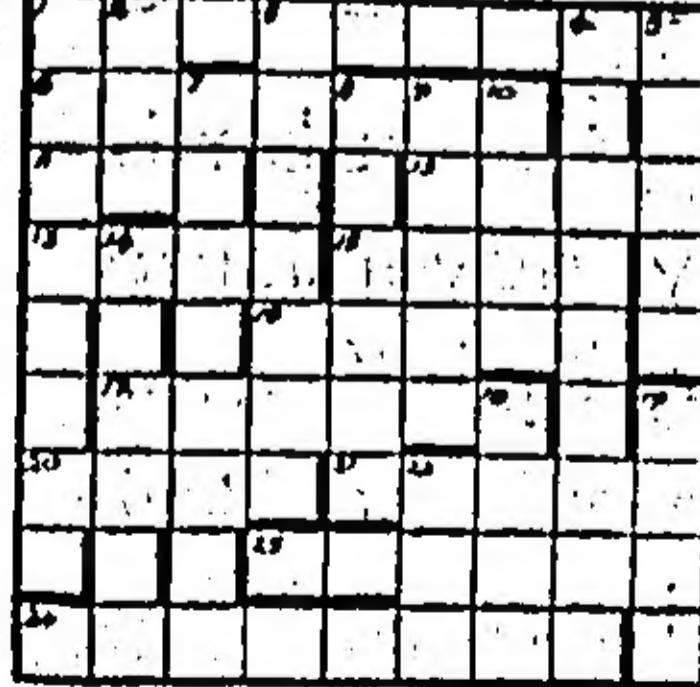
How can the others be developed?

The club suit looks like the best one to tackle, but South must not make the mistake of cashing the king of clubs. The correct play is to lead the king of clubs, overtake it in dummy with the ace and then lead the ten-spot, to drive out the queen or jack.

If the defence returns a spade, declarer wins in dummy and leads another club, to drive out the other club honour. Now he is bound to make four club tricks, two diamonds, two hearts and the ace of spades for nine tricks. A nice example of correct timing.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CROSSWORD



12. A tallies raven. (4) 15. Upset. (4) 16. Escaper. (5) 17. Anathema. (5) 20. Sounds like claws. (6) 21. Essays. (6) DOWN  
1. Usually seen on 17. Acres. (6) 2. Boy. (3) 3. Figure. (3) 4. The governor's better half. (5) 5. Use 1. Across. 6. A word should be so described. (6) 7. Howard. (5) 8. A saint's name. (4) 10. The mark of a trout. (6) 11. Close. (4) 12. Travel. (4) 22. Water supplier. (5)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—  
Across: 1. Penitentiary. 2. Moon. 3. A  
diamond. 10. Pearl. 11. Arid. 12. Irritant. 14.  
Holistic. 15. Gear. 16. Mere. 18.  
Center. 19. Strain. 20. Shears.  
Down: 1. A spade. 2. Energetic.  
3. Roar. 4. Earm. 5. Cleft.  
6. Close. 7. Tiller. 8. Laager. 9. Tiller.  
10. Ultimatum. 11. A Scottish shire. 12. Yar.  
13. Across. 14. Hands. 17. Bear.

1 and 6. To be seen on a moving  
bridge. 10. The chief who in . . .  
advances! (Scott.) 17. (7)  
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## EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

## YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 22,

BORN today, new ideas, new scenes and new faces appear to be your inspiration. You need something to keep your interest in job at top peak if you are to do your best work. Don't make the mistake of seeking excitement to the point of over-stimulation, or you will defeat the very result which you are seeking.

Artistic and dramatic by nature, you would do best to select a career in which you will be able to travel much of the time. In this way, your desire for novelty will be satisfied and you then will be able to devote your energies to the serious work at hand. Some of you born today, however, are able to get your mental excitement by delving into rare books and doing research in odd and mysterious things. This, however, may be but a secondary release, for the armchair traveller is never as thoroughly satisfied as that one of us who actually does the travelling.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be prepared to grasp a new opportunity quickly and to make definite progress toward some idealistic goal.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Activities postponed from the early part of the week can be continued successfully now. Full speed ahead, but haste can only bring trouble.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Check assets and liabilities. Work on the details of a plan to see that all is operating smoothly. Be efficient.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Poor judgment can be at fault in some business so be very careful what you embark upon now. Investigate.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Morning hours are the best for your efforts. Combine business and social plans for best results. Slow up when evening comes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Opposing forces, may be interfering with your best laid plans, so stand back cautiously. Let things work out before you plunge.

## SCIENCE AT WORK:

## DIABETES ASSOCIATION'S NEW PROGRAMME

BY PAUL F. ELLIS  
(United Press Science Writer)

THE American Diabetes Association has begun a programme to get an estimated 1,000,000 unrecognised cases under treatment.

The many persons who are going about with mild cases of disease—mild cases that sooner or later will become serious—are in addition to an estimated another 1,000,000 who are taking treatment. Under treatment, the Association points out, the diabetic can live

virtually a normal life and expect a long life span. Dr Edward S. Dillon, president of the Association, says that about 40 percent of the diabetes do not need insulin treatment. The disease in their cases can be controlled by diet alone, he contends.

To further their plans to aid the diabetic and bring the unrecognised cases under treatment, the Association is now printing a pocket-sized magazine, called the ADA Forecast. It has just made its appearance.

Publication of the book is made permissible through a three-year grant by an interested family through the Association.

It will contain articles written for the lay public, and other information helpful to the diabetic. The first copy of the magazine was presented to Dr Charles H. Best of Toronto, co-discoverer of insulin.

## Hope Of Medicine

Dr Best said the hope of medical science is to develop a longer-lasting insulin, one that may require but one injection every few days. In most cases, today, insulin is taken once a day, but in more severe cases two injections are taken every 24 hours.

Dr Best said there is not much hope that insulin will ever be taken by the mouth. He added, however, that researchers have not abandoned hope and that work is going on constantly, trying to improve the effectiveness of insulin.

"Discovery of insulin," according to Dr Best, "opened up as many problems as it answered."

Dr Dillon said the new headquarters of the Association will be in Brooklyn. It has about 1,000 members, including physicians specialising in the treatment of diabetes.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"In our day, Spinnaker, we would rather have been keelhauled than make such an admission!"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DUSTMEN'S shoulder pads," said my Sunday paper, "will cost Maidstone £22 10s.," and left it at that. An excellent example of how important news has to be pared down to the bone nowadays.

Once upon a time the story would have begun like this: "The old-world town of Maidstone, one of the prettiest flowers in the Garden of England, is the scene of a minor civil war, and the cause is not an item of expenditure for dustmen's shoulder pads." Or, like this: "Shoulder pads!" said 80-year-old ex-dustman Stanley Boote, Middletown-Kentishman. "Why, in my day, we had never heard of such faults." "They'll be wanting silk underclothes soon," echoed good-natured Emma Boote, the ex-dustman's jovial wife, known locally as "Ma."

## Cow Monday

ON Cow Monday, the villagers of Nodding Chutney will be up early to carry on the old custom of running under the belly of a cow placed by the brink of the river. The man who is the first to pull up in time to avoid falling into the water is allowed to kiss the postmistress. Small men have the easiest task, and they need not bend so low, and can therefore straighten up more quickly when they emerge from under the cow, which is separated from the river bank by only one foot three inches.

## Tea—and art—for two

It is as silly to pretend that film stars are artifices as to claim that they are highbrows.

(Article on Hollywood.)

THEY come in between. Last time I had tea with Boopie Delmonico in her study, tastefully panelled with yellow and pink marble, she pointed to a picture on the wall. "That's called the Angels," she said.

There were scattered sales in drills, twills—and osnaburgs—but print cloths, sheetings and other constructions were quiet. There was better inquiry for osnaburgs from the bag trade.

United Press.

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## Renewed Interest In Hongkong Shares

The renewed interest taken in the local share market has been maintained, and the volume of business done during this morning's session of the Hongkong Stock Exchange was the heaviest for several days.

Transactions this morning totalled \$490,000 in value. The following list shows these transactions in detail and noon prices:

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HK Bank	2033	40 G	2040	HK Bank	2033
East Asia	140			East Asia	140
INSURANCES	300	410	400	INSURANCES	300
Union	800	800	78715	Union	800
Underwriters	760	310	300	Underwriters	760
DOCKS, ETC.	200	321	200	DOCKS, ETC.	200
Dock	31	221	32	Dock	31
Provident	22	600	22	Provident	22
Shan Dock	22			Shan Dock	22
LAND, ETC.	1815	1815	1815	LAND, ETC.	1815
HK Hotel	511	6	511	HK Hotel	511
Shal Land	511	1000	511	Shal Land	511
Humphreys	241			Humphreys	241
UTILITIES	23	231	231	UTILITIES	23
Tram	23	1000	23	Tram	23
Star Ferry	511	511	511	Star Ferry	511
Yacht Ferry	511	1800	511	Yacht Ferry	511
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Electric		200	401	Electric	
Telephone (O)	43	44	43	Telephone (O)	43
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INDUSTRIALS	403			INDUSTRIALS	403
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## Tusk Stolen From Shrine

Nikko, Japan, Apr. 21.—An elephant's tusk five feet, eight inches long and weighing about 75 pounds, which was brought to Japan from Africa 350 years ago, has been stolen from the famous Toshogu shrine here.

The tusk was donated to the shrine by a warlord named Tokakatsu Sakan, one of the retainers of Ieyasu Tokugawa, first military dictator of the Tokugawa line 350 years ago.

The curator of the shrine reported that the prized tusk was found missing on the morning of April 20.—United Press.

## RUSSIAN REPORT ON AIR CRASH

Moscow, Apr. 21.—The Soviet Enquiry Commission on the Berlin air crash, in a report quoted by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, has repudiated earlier Soviet allegations that the British airliner "shot out of the clouds" and struck the Russian fighter's tailplane.

It said the Russian plane had its undercarriage down for a landing, and added: "The reason for the collision was the British plane's violation of the rules of flight and its piercing through the clouds."

"The British administration did not receive preliminary permission from the Berlin air safety centre for the flight, although the rules of the Air Force Directorate of the Control Council made it obligatory to receive such permission."

Reuter.

**NOTICE**  
THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

## ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the New Articles of Association proposed to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company—in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary,  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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## Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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# Princess To Be Received Into Order Of The Garter

## TOMORROW'S CEREMONY

London, Apr. 21.—Princess Elizabeth and nine noted Britons will be received into the Order of the Garter on Friday on the 600th anniversary of the Empire's most exclusive Order of chivalry.

The medieval ceremony at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, will bring the membership to 23. The limit of living members outside the Royal family is 25. The King is the sole elector.

## Two Cakes For Royal Anniversary

### Traditional Design Abandoned

London, Apr. 21.—More than two dozen baking firms and housewives with "wonderful" recipes have offered silver wedding cakes to King George and Queen Elizabeth but only two will be accepted.

The donors are McVitie and Price Ltd., holders of a Royal warrant to bake for their Majesties and makers of one of Princess Elizabeth's biggest wedding cakes, and the National Bakery School, run by the National Association of Master Bakers and Confectioners.

Most of the ingredients for these two cakes have been sent from overseas.

"Much as the King and Queen appreciate the many other offers," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said, "they feel that in these difficult times of food shortages they should decline all but the two cakes."

The anniversary will be celebrated on April 20.

### SQUARE CAKE

The bakery students, eager to be distinctive, have turned from the traditional white round-tiered job to a twin layered square cake standing three feet and six inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds. It will bear designs of the Royal castle and figures representing personal interests of the King and Queen—cattle, camping, duck shooting, the theatre, books and musical symbols. At the top will be two crowns and a ring on which two love birds perch.

The second cake will be smaller and more conventional.

Palace officials emphasised that compared with cakes made for previous Royal festivities, these two are "modest efforts indeed."

Picked men of Scotland Yard began final precautions today to ensure the safety of King George and Queen Elizabeth, on their two Silver wedding jubilee drives on April 20.

### HOUSES SEARCHED

Detectors began an exhaustive investigation of houses and public buildings along the routes, interviewing "undesirable" persons and kept a sharp watch for firearms. As they did prior to Princess Elizabeth's wedding, the police are taking names and addresses of those who have paid from £1 to £6 for window or balcony vantage points.

Some 50 main streets in the heart of the capital will be closed to ordinary traffic for the ceremonial drive from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral where the morning thanksgiving service will be held.

In the early evening before their broadcast to the nation, the King and Queen will drive by car over a more than 20 mile course through war scarred sections of London. At one stage of the planning, this project, though dear to the sovereigns, was all but abandoned because it was considered too risky.—Associated Press.

The first Garter service since 1937, it will be the occasion for a splash of colour rare in these days of austerity living in England. Princess Elizabeth just past her 22nd birthday, will become a Lady of the Order. Her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will be made a Knight's Companion along with eight others cited for service to England.

Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Lord Harlech, Lord Cravath, the Earl of Scarborough and the Duke of Rutland, become the other Knights' Companions.

COLOURFUL DRESS

Horses of the Household Cavalry will be in ceremonial bridles, the Foot Guards in full dress will form a line for a procession, a choir will sing forgotten songs and trumpeters will sound fanfares.

Present members of the Order and the initiates will wear purple robes lined with white satin. The Knights' Companions will wear white silk hose, white shoes with red heels and caps decorated with ostrich and black heron's feathers.

First part of the ceremony will be to invest the newest members, including the Prince and Princess. King George VI will speak the six centuries old command:

"To the honour of God omnipotent and in memorial to the blessed martyr St. George, tis about thy leg as this now noble garter, wear it as a symbol of the most illustrious order never to be forgotten or laid aside."

### GARTER ON ARM

The inch wide blue velvet garter will be placed on the Princess' left arm. The men will wear it below the left knee.

In the second part of the rites, all 10 initiates will be installed including Montgomery, Tedder and Mountbatten, who have already been invested.

The ceremony will be in absentia for Lord Mountbatten, who is Governor-General of India.

Princess Elizabeth becomes the fourth living Lady of the Order. The others are Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. Along with other living members she will be entitled to a recess in the wall at St. George's Chapel to display her personal banner and name plate.

There have been about 850 members since 1348, but only 830 plates remain. Souvenir hunters are blamed for most of the discrepancy. Some members, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, for instance, have been degraded and their plates thrown into the dust bin.

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Associated Press.

### Entertainments Ban For 24 Hours

Manila, Apr. 21.—A ban on all forms of entertainment, including amusement places, was issued today by the Department of the Interior.

The ban takes effect on the evening of April 24 to April 25, in connection with the State burial of the late President Roxas.

The order was made public as the nation began a series of necrolological services in honour of the departed services leader.—Reuter.

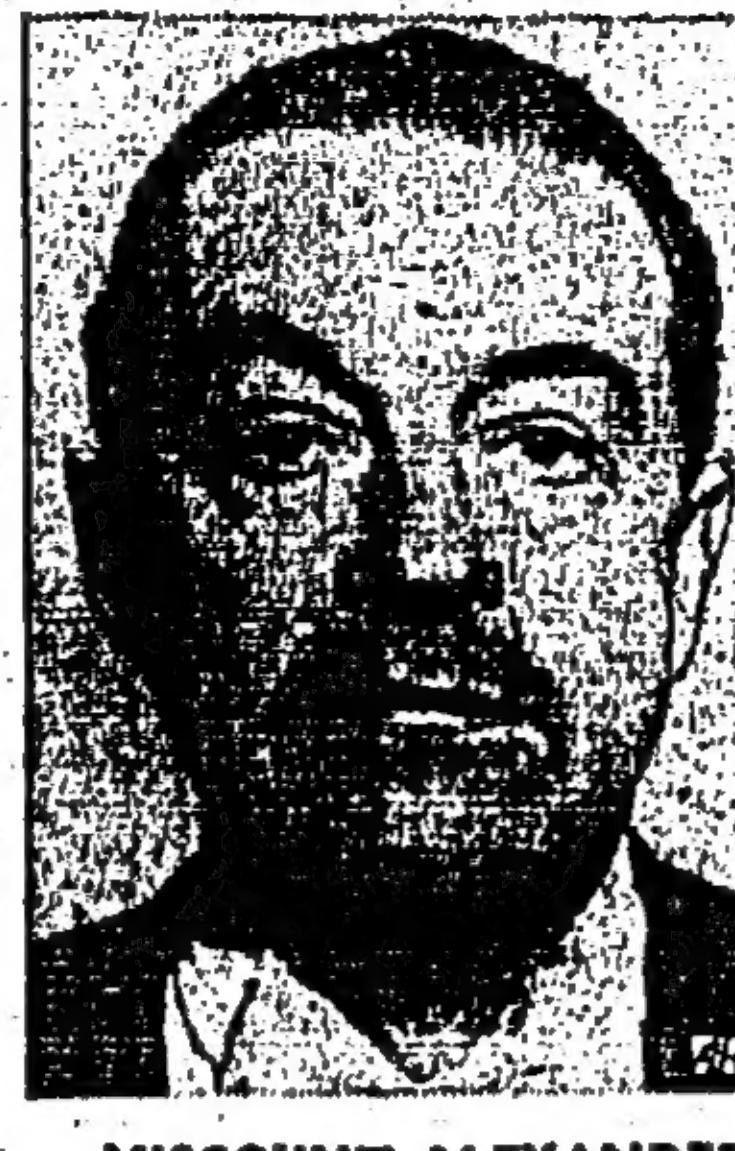
## Averell Harriman Becomes A Roving Ambassador

Washington, Apr. 21.—President Harry Truman today named Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman to be roving Ambassador under the European recovery programme.

The nomination will be sent to the Senate on Thursday.

The new US\$25,000 a year post will take Mr. Harriman out of the President's Cabinet. As roving Ambassador he will keep close touch with countries benefitting through the US\$2,300,000,000 ERP programme. Mr. Harriman, said he is resigning from the Cabinet effective on Thursday.

Earlier, Paul G. Hoffman, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration, announced the appointment of Alexander Henderson, New



VISCOUNT ALEXANDER

## U.N. & THE KASHMIR CASE

Lake Success, Apr. 21.—The Kashmir case which has been before the Security Council for over four months, may be formally concluded today when the Council meets to decide what is expected to be the last session.

Here is the approximate plan of procedure as forecast by Council members.

(1) The President will ask whether there are any further remarks from Council members in the general debate, particularly from those who have not yet spoken. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Soviet delegate, M. Andrii Gromyko, has not said a single word on the substance of the case since its beginning.

(2) When the general debate has closed, Dr. Alfonso Lopez, President of the Council, will ask if there are any amendments from Council members. It is learned authoritatively that it is extremely unlikely that any member will propose any amendments.

### GARTER ON ARM

Supporting the resolution will be Lord Mountbatten, who is Governor-General of India.

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## Forrestal Okays Bigger Air Force

Washington, Apr. 21.—Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal today approved a 66 group air force—a compromise between the 55 he previously asked and the 70 already voted overwhelmingly by the House.

To keep the armed forces "balanced," he also asked for a larger army than he had previously urged. And he requested US\$461,000,000 more to pay for the revised defence plan.

His recommendations were made before a closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee, but his statement was made public later.

The sister Committee in the House, the Armed Services Committee, earlier had been told by the head of the Armed Forces Research Board that it should pass a law to put every man in the country in government during a war.

Dr. Vannavar Bush, chairman of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Research and Development Board, said temporary selective service, universal military training and a bigger air force were not enough.—Associated Press.

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**Manila Swelters**  
Manila, Apr. 21.—Yesterday was Manila's hottest day this year, with a new heat record for the year. The temperature, according to today's official report of the Philippine Weather Bureau, climbed from a sizzling 90 degrees Fahrenheit until it reached 98.1 in the mid afternoon.—Reuter.

**NOTICE**  
"OHEL LEAH" SYNAGOGUE  
70 Robinson Road,  
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The following are the hours of service at the Synagogue during the PASSOVER HOLIDAYS:

Friday — 23rd April — 6.40 p.m.  
Saturday — 24th April — 8 a.m.  
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Sunday — 25th April — 8 a.m.

Syria, Russia and the Ukraine are expected to abstain, while Argentina may also follow suit. The Council is then expected to adjourn and fix a further meeting, at which the composition of the proposed Security Council Commission will be determined.

Thus, will end one of the most difficult cases ever handled by the Security Council, and it will only remain for the Governments of India and Pakistan at a high level to decide whether to co-operate in implementing the resolution, or whether to inform the United Nations that they are unable to accept the proposed settlement of the Kashmir dispute.—Reuter.

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The next largest losers were Britain, whose net exports in 1947 were \$366 million, and France, with \$310 million exported, bringing her remaining holdings to \$370 million.—Reuter.

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